



OSPREY AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION



President's 2020 Christmas Newsletter

November 16, 2020

There is snow all around, and the lake is partially frozen. Sure looks like winter.

With the risks of Covid-19 not receding, we have had to cancel a few of the usual Christmas Activities, and drastically modify others. I hope you will be around to have a safe, social distance, Osprey Christmas.

Christmas Events 2020:

Pancake Breakfasts – Cancelled until further notice — Hayes Creek Community Hall.

Craft & Bake Sale – Cancelled

Annual Santa Run - Thursday, December 24th - Unless Covid-19 Provincial regulations change, a modified Santa run will take place this year dropping off presents to all community children. Outdoor visits only be made to homes with children **under 12**. Unfortunately, all visiting will be outside, with no Santa 'knee' pictures. **Everyone** must maintain a social distance and **wear your own mask**. Please wash everyone's hands just before Santa arrives (you will get a call). Santa and his elves will be disinfecting between stops. If anyone in the house is feeling unwell, has ANY Covid symptoms, been out of the country within 14 days, or are under a quarantine order please cancel. Contact santa@ospreylake.ca with names, ages, gender, and Osprey phone #, **before December 10**, if you'd like a Christmas Eve visit and feel comfortable with our Covid-19 protocols.



Community Nightly Hay Rides - Cancelled.

Snow Golf - Sunday, December 27, 2019 - 2:00pm - an all outdoor, social distance fun community activity. A challenging 6 hole 'golf' course. \$5 green fee per person. Starting from 4105 Lakesyde (Holmgrens). We are also requesting prize donations for this event - 2:00pm

7th Annual New Year's Eve Fireworks – Thursday, December 31st – on the ice in front of the Osprey Lake Forestry Camp Site – begins around 11:45pm – fireworks at midnight. Donation request of \$10/person toward the cost of fireworks. A 'contactless' payment option is also available this year – just Interac eTransfer your family donation to: ratepayers@ospreylake.ca. Questions? – email: fireworks@ospreylake.ca. Warming fires will be set up. Bring your own refreshments.

Snowwheelers' Community Poker Run – Family Day Weekend – Sunday, February 14th, 2021 – runs from 11:00am to 2:00pm – registration opens at 10:00am. A fun course of approximately 35km. There will be one check point offering a warm up fire and some hot dogs. \$25/sled or rider, plus \$15 each for extra cards. Registration includes hot dogs and a drink. Helmets mandatory. We still need volunteers and prizes to pull this off, so please, help if you can. Starts at 4105 Lakesyde Rd. (Holmgren's).

Upcoming Community Events for 2021:

Real Crafty Princeton Women – Thursday Afternoons – 11:30am to 3:00pm - \$2 – Sorry, kids and men, but ladies only - Hayes Creek Community Hall- contact Cindy 250-295-0510 for more details

Pancake Breakfasts – 1st Sunday of each month, except June>September – on hold until Covid-19 numbers are under control - Hayes Creek Fire Hall

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 4, 2021 – 11:00am start 4105 Lakesyde Rd

Osprey Ratepayer’s Annual GM - Saturday, May 22, 2021

Osprey Snowwheelers’ Snowmobile Club Annual GM - Saturday, May 22, 2021

Spring Roadside Cleanup – Saturday, May 29, 2021

Hayes Creek Fire - Annual General Meeting/Open House - Sunday, August 1, 2021

Corn Roast 2020:

Unfortunately, with Covid-19 restrictions in place, we were not able to hold the annual Community Event. Let’s all hope things are under control by September 2021 to allow us to hold this popular event again.

Community Update:

Osprey Snowwheelers’ Snowmobile Club –The Poker Run is again planned the Family Day weekend. It worked out much better last year, with great snow conditions and separated from the Christmas activities. A final course length and layout can’t be determined until we see snow conditions and determine which logging roads are plowed. Support your local club, trail grooming, and save on liability insurance – all with club membership - now available on line – [just click this link](#) to join and pay with any credit card or PayPal. For further information email: snowwheelers@ospreylake.ca.

Rickety Bridge – After being destroyed by last years’ freshet run off, it’s back again – better and not the least bit ‘ricky’. There are now steel beams supporting the entire distance, eliminating the future risk of supports being destroyed each spring. Special thanks to Ron and all the volunteers who helped in the reconstruction and site cleanup. We are still looking for donations toward the cost – just see Rob M if you can help out.

Hayes Creek Firefighters – just a reminder to send in your annual dues for the great fire and emergency medical services provided to the community. [Just follow this link](#) to complete the online registration form and pay your \$100/property dues.

New to our Community? We have put together a “Welcome Wagon” package of basic local information and contact information for all new residents. This is especially useful to “first time” rural property owners. Wood stove issues, bears, recycle/garbage, and numerous other local issues are explained. If you, or someone you know, is new to our neighbourhood and would like a copy, it’s available to download from our [community web site](#).

Community Web Site - Dates, times, and locations of all upcoming local events, along with a current local temperature and a live webcam view of Osprey Lake and all are available on our community web site: www.ospreylake.ca. If you have any new pictures or information you think should be included, please let us know.

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